

STAR ACADEMY SANDYFORD Newsletter



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DIARY DATES

Thursday 27th February – Year 1 and 2 local walk
Thursday 5th March – World Book day – wear pyjamas and donate a pound for new books
Friday 6th March – NON – Uniform day – chocolate donations please
Friday 6th March - How to support your children with reading 2pm
Monday 9th March – science week and STAR attendance week
Tuesday 10th March Parents' online safety workshops pm
Tuesday 10th March– Year 1 and 2 Trentham Gardens trip
Friday 13th March – Science Fair – parents welcome to come and look at the science learning from 2:30pm onwards.
Wednesday 18th March - Parents' Sex and Relationships education workshops 2pm
Year 6 SATs parents' meeting 5:30pm
Thursday 19th March - BINGO 1:30-3:15pm
Thursday 26th March - Parents' PREVENT training workshop
Y5 and Y6 – Blists Hill trip
Wednesday 1st April - Early Years Easter bonnet Parade

Our STAR values:

Smart
Tolerant
Ambitious
Resilient

Desire to learn:
learn to achieve

Dear Parents and Friends of Star Academy,

This week marks my Star birthday as I have been here for a very happy twelve months. During this time, we have worked very hard to make improvements and we are thrilled that many of you are recognising that things are getting better. We still have work to do and your surveys were key in helping us to recognise our next steps.

As you can see from the diary dates, there are lots of opportunities for you to come into school and see what the children are learning, find out more about our curriculum and this half term, we have an afternoon of Bingo, where you can enjoy a game of Bingo with your child and help us to raise some money.

All money raised this year will go towards buying new books for the children to read at home which will support the brand new reading scheme that we are buying for the children through the Academy.

Reading is one of our priorities this year and we need as much support from you as possible to ensure that all of our children are competent readers by the time they leave us in year 6. I would like to invite you to a reading workshop where I will be giving you strategies to support reading at home including for those reluctant readers. As a mum, there were many times when I struggled to engage my son with reading and so I learned as I went along... maybe some of these strategies will be of use to you too.

We are also providing further opportunities for trips and visitors in school - some are already listed, others are in the final stages of arrangement. We are hoping to take Nursery and Reception for lunch in a restaurant and we are looking at the cost of taking year 3 and 4 to London to experience the Egyptian artefacts which are currently on display – this will be a once in a lifetime opportunity!

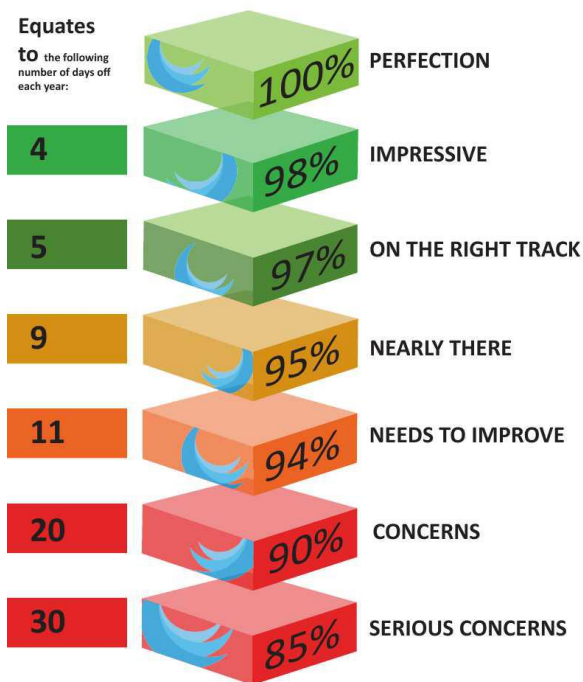
Thank you for a wonderful year,

Mrs K Wildman
Principal

ATTENDANCE



Equates
to the following
number of days off
each year:



We work really hard to make sure that we provide your child with the very best experiences at Star Academy. However, there may be a time when you are unhappy about the provision and would like to make a complaint.

There is a copy of our complaint's procedure on our website

<http://staracademy.ATTRUST.ORG.UK/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Complaints-Procedure.pdf>

We hope that you never need to use it.



EMPLOYER RECOGNITION SCHEME

BRONZE AWARD

Proudly supporting those who serve.

Class	% attendance
Nursery	92.5
Reception	88.3
Year 1	93.7
Year 2	94.8
Year 3	96.1
Year 4	96
Year 5	96.9
Year 6	94.7

**Congratulations
to
Year 5 for having
the best
attendance in the
first half term of
this year.**



EVERY SESSION COUNTS

12 unauthorised sessions, which includes holidays, **will** result in a fine. If you need help with your child's attendance, please pop in to see our Mrs Williams our Home School Link Worker

Absence procedures

Please make sure that you contact the Academy every day during your child's absence. We have a legal duty of care to follow up if we do not receive a call to provide us with a reason for your child being off school.

If we have not been provided with a reason for absence the following takes place:-

- Call to parents and if no response then calls to all other contacts.
- Text message to parents.
- If no response then request Educational Welfare Officer to do a home visit.
- Designated Safeguarding Lead and Home School Link Worker advised.
- On pupil's return to school a letter will be sent home requesting reason for absence slip to be completed and returned.